

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Alan Redfield, on March 10, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Alan Redfield, Chair (R)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)
Rep. Zac Perry (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)
Rep. Kathleen Williams (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 232, 2/25/2015; SB 284, 2/25/2015

EXHIBIT(agh49a01)**EXHIBIT(agh49a02)**

00:00:02 Chairman Redfield
00:01:06 Rep. Pease-Lopez entered

HEARING ON SB 232**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:22 Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 232, Revise stream access laws to reflect Galt decision.

EXHIBIT(agh49a03)

00:03:07 Rep. Monforton and Rep. Staffanson entered the hearing

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:57 Bob Lane, Self
00:07:09 Rep. Clark entered the hearing
00:10:26 Mark Aagenes, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTU)
00:11:19 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau federation and Montana Farmers Union
00:12:01 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
00:12:39 George Golie, Montana Wildlife Federation
00:12:58 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association and Montana Cattle Woman (MSGA) (MCW)
00:13:25 Jean Jonhson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
00:13:58 Chris Marchion, Anaconda Sportsman Club

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:14:36 Becky Dockter, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:15:15 Sen. Moore

00:15:46 Recess
00:20:04 Rep. Hertz entered
00:20:15 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 284**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:20:34 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 284, Require approval of county commissioners for bison relocation.

EXHIBIT(agh49a04)**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:22:42 Lesley Robinson, Phillips County
00:24:37 Whitney Klasna, Montana Woman Involved in Farm Economics

00:26:20 Jerry Collins, Garfield County Commissioner
 00:26:49 Richard Dunbar, Phillips County Commissioner
 00:27:36 Jay Bodner, Montana Stock Growers Association and Montana Cattle Woman
 (MSGA) (MCA)
 00:29:25 Jean Jonhson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
 00:30:27 Elena Evans, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)
EXHIBIT(agh49a05)
 00:33:19 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
 00:36:47 Bob Gilbert, Dawson County, Musselshell County and Rosebud County
 00:37:46 Chuck Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:42:00 Stephanie Seay, Buffalo Field Campaign (BFC)
 00:44:21 Mark Azure, Fort Belknap

EXHIBIT(agh49a06)

00:49:14 Robert Magnan, Fort Peck Tribes

EXHIBIT(agh49a07)

00:51:44 Ervin Carlson, Inter Tribal Buffalo Council (ITBC)
 00:57:09 Natalie Margolis, Buffalo Field Campaign (BFC)
 00:59:55 Mark Roundstone, Northern Cheyenne
 01:02:19 Otto Braided Hair, Northern Cheyenne
 01:04:23 Mike Volesky, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
 01:08:32 Wade Sikorski, Self
 01:09:09 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
 01:10:04 Chris Marchion, Anaconda Sportsman Club
 01:10:59 Josh Osher, Buffalo Field Campaign (BFC)
 01:11:16 Claudia Narciseo, Montana Chapter Sierra Club
 01:11:55 Rep. Smith, HD 31
 01:12:11 Kit Fisher, Hellgate Hawks
 01:12:26 Steve Woodruff, National Wildlife Federation (NWF)

EXHIBIT(agh49a08)

01:12:59 Allison Fox, American Prairie Reserve
 01:13:14 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
 01:13:31 Sen. Windy Boy, SD 16
 01:13:46 Don Woerner DVM, Self
 01:14:12 Leroy Stewart, Crow Tribe
 01:14:30 Matt Skoglund, Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)
 01:14:49 Dennis Jorgensen, World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

EXHIBIT(agh49a09)

01:15:05 Kurt Alt, Self
 01:15:34 Stan Frasier, Helena Hunters

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:15:57 Rep. Olsen
 01:16:21 Claudia Narciseo, Montana Chapter Sierra Club
 01:18:22 Rep. Karjala
 01:18:53 Don Woerner DVM, Self
 01:18:56 Rep. Karjala

01:19:04 Don Woerner DVM, Self
01:19:23 Rep. Karjala
01:19:40 Don Woerner DVM, Self
01:20:18 Rep. Karjala
01:21:10 Don Woerner DVM, Self
01:21:51 Rep. Harris
01:22:13 Don Woerner DVM, Self
01:22:25 Rep. McKamey
01:23:33 Mike Volesky, FWP
01:25:25 Rep. McKamey
01:25:37 Mike Volesky, FWP
01:26:11 Rep. Berglee
01:26:42 Don Woerner DVM, Self
01:27:15 Rep. Berglee
01:27:25 Don Woerner DVM, Self
01:27:50 Rep. Berglee
01:27:59 Don Woerner DVM, Self
01:28:25 Rep. Pease-Lopez
01:29:11 Kurt Alt, Self
01:31:09 Rep. Webber
01:31:34 Sen. Brenden
01:31:53 Rep. Webber
01:32:28 Sen. Brenden
01:32:50 Rep. Williams
01:33:28 Mike Volesky, FWP
01:33:55 Rep. Manzella
01:34:28 Mike Volesky, FWP
01:35:14 Rep. Manzella
01:35:33 Mike Volesky, FWP
01:36:18 Rep. Pierson
01:36:56 Mike Volesky, FWP
01:37:04 Rep. Pierson
01:37:18 Mike Volesky, FWP
01:37:38 Rep. Pierson
01:37:53 Sen. Brenden
01:38:04 Rep. Pierson
01:38:13 Sen. Brenden
01:39:16 Rep. Pierson
01:39:41 Sen. Brenden
01:40:00 Rep. Pierson
01:40:14 Don Woerner DVM, Self
01:40:38 Rep. Pierson
01:40:47 Don Woerner DVM, Self
01:40:58 Rep. Pierson
01:41:10 Don Woerner DVM, Self
01:41:37 Rep. MacDonald
01:42:04 Mike Volesky, FWP
01:45:06 Rep. Harris
01:45:47 Don Woerner DVM, Self
01:47:02 Rep. Harris

01:47:20 Don Woerner DVM, Self
01:48:05 Rep. Harris
01:48:55 Mike Volesky, FWP
01:49:30 Rep. Harris
01:49:45 Mike Volesky, FWP
01:50:01 Rep. Lang
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01:52:42 Mark Azure, Fort Belknap
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01:53:11 Mark Azure, Fort Belknap
01:54:31 Rep. Lang
01:54:46 Mark Azure, Fort Belknap
01:55:11 Rep. Olsen
01:56:01 Sen. Brenden
01:59:30 Rep. Olsen
01:59:47 Sen. Brenden
01:59:57 Rep. Lang
02:00:26 Richard Dunbar, Phillips County Commissioner

Closing by Sponsor:

02:00:42 Sen. Brenden

02:05:22 Chairman Redfield

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:05:37

Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh49aad.pdf](#))